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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC 1st Mech Regt Oranienburg of KVP Division Potsdam

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REMARKS

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- Between 1 and 31 March 1954, the following officers of the 1st Mech Regt Oranienburg of Division Potsdam became known:
 Lieutenant Colonel Klebsch (fnu), commanding officer;
 Captain Syrram (fnu), deputy commanding officer and chief of training;
 Captain Ludwig (fnu), deputy Polit officer;
 Captain Berger (fnu), chief of staff;
 Captain Bockmann (fnu), deputy ordnance officer;
 Captain Queefeld (fnu), ordnance officer;
 Senior Lieutenant Schneider (fnu), signal officer;
 Senior Lieutenant Blashowski (fnu), supply officer;
 Senior Lieutenant Kirsten (fnu), finance officer;
 Senior Lieutenant Riede (fnu), officer in charge of clothing and equipment;
 Lieutenant Liebezeit (fnu), chief of sub unit IV;

Officers of the artillery battalion included:

- Senior Lieutenant Krueger (fnu), battalion commander;
 Lieutenant Marschall (fnu), deputy Polit officer;
 Senior Lieutenant Duering (fnu), deputy commander;
 Lieutenant Lembke (fnu), signal officer;
 Lieutenant Kaltenbach (fnu), FDJ secretary;
 Sublieutenant Schwanitz (fnu), party secretary. 1
- During the period of observation, about 30 replacements arrived every week. No discharges were made. 2
- Heavy weapons observed with the unit included 12 x 76-mm guns, 45-mm AT guns, 20-mm AA machine guns, mortars, and heavy machine guns, several T-34 tanks with 76-mm guns and several SP guns. 3
- The regiment was equipped with trucks of type ZIS and H-3A, BMW sedans, and jeeps. The ZIS trucks were used exclusively for training, with each truck being allotted 7,000 km a year. The trucks were additionally marked with the following letters: (S) - standing for special truck; (E) - for operational truck; (W) - for supply truck; (T) - for transport truck; and (C) - for combat truck. 25X1B

The artillery battalion was equipped with 14 ZIS vehicles, including two for the headquarters platoon and four vehicles each for the three batteries. [REDACTED]

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5. The following training activity was observed:
Infantry: individual training, basic training, and combat training at battalion level together with the artillery and tank battalions and with AT artillery and AAA.

Artillery: ordnance instruction, march practices, and combat firing practice at battalion level at stationary targets and moving targets from positions and in motion.

Tanks: technical instruction, march practices, commencement of firing, and support of infantry units.

Signal communication: basic instruction on signal communication, establishment of telephone and radio connections within the frame of a battalion. 5

- 25X1A 1. ☐ Comment. Report confirms most of the officers.
- 25X1A 2. ☐ Comment. The statements confirm that vacancies of KVP units are being filled by volunteers. It is doubted, however, that the recruiting campaign will be successful prior to the beginning of the summer training. Since February, the new recruits have been trained in special training units of the regiments and independent battalion, so that their training does not interfere with the current training of companies.
- 25X1A 3. ☐ Comment. The 12 x 76-mm guns represent the authorized T/E of the artillery battalion. Information so far indicated that the AA machine guns have a caliber of 127 mm. The other weapons also belong to the authorized T/E of the mechanized regiment.
- 25X1A 4. ☐ Comment. The Soviet ZIS trucks, probably ZIS-150 and ZIS-151, are used as combat vehicles for the shipment of infantry and as light prime movers for artillery.
- 25X1A 5. ☐ Comment. The status of training at the end of March, generally corresponded with that of the other KVP units, except for that of the Corps North (Pasewalk), which conducted exercises up to regimental level already in March.

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